

REMARKS:

Claims 1-7 are pending in the application. In the Office Action dated April 29, 2005, The Examiner rejected claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 5,685,581 to Kritzler et al. (hereinafter "Kritzler").

In this amendment, independent claims 1 and 4 were amended to include the limitation that the rotating center is an instantaneous rotating center moving on the surface of the pivoting portion when the door handle rotates. This limitation is not new matter; see paragraph 005 lines 3-5; paragraph 15 line 7; paragraph 19 lines 2-5; and Figs. 3 and 5, element 21. In contrast, Kritzler's handle rotates around a fixed pivot pin or bar 5 which is centered on a stationary axis A (column 2 lines 63-67 and Figs. 1-3 and 5-7). The pivoting portion of the instant application is essential in achieving improved durability of the door handle (paragraph 004 lines 2-3) and is not disclosed in Kritzler. For this reason, claims 1 and 4 and the claims dependent thereon are not anticipated by the cited reference.

Claim 1 was also amended to correct typographical errors. No new matter was added.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Authorization is granted to charge any outstanding fees due at this time for the continued prosecution of this matter to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (matter no. 060945-0136)

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